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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, Applicants bring the following document to the Examiner's attention in the above-referenced application:

1. Japan Patent Publication No. 06-101764 dated April 12, 1994 by Matsuoka Kunihiro (English abstract included).

A PTO form 1449 listing this document is enclosed.

The relevance of the attached reference is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware.

An English abstract is provided to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English reference, as provided for in M.P.E.P. §609(III)(A)(3).

Citation of the above document shall not be construed as:

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To Applicant's knowledge, a first office action on the merits has not yet been mailed in this application. Therefore, no fee is due. 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3).

Respectfully Submitted,

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OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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